d d d. The Internal Surface of the Mitral Valve leading into the Left Ventricle.

e e e. The *Columnæ Carneæ:*

f f. Their Tendons.

g g. The Tranſverſe Tendons which draw the Fleſhy Columns to each other when the Heart is in *Syſtole.*

IV. *An Account of a Dropſical Body diſſected by Mr* John Lafage.

SIR,

I Was called, ſome time ago, to open a Maiden Lady 52 years of age, who complain'd, about ſix weeks before, of a Circonſcript hard Swelling on the *Hypograſtica regio*, on the Right ſide; from that time her Belly grew by degrees to an exorbitant bigneſs, the great weight whereof was the moſt conſiderable Symptom, and at laſt ſuffocated the Lady. The Body was mightily emaciated, and the Legs ſwelled few days before her death.

I expected Water, but there was only a viſcuous darkiſh Humour, to the quantity of 18 Gallons; after the evacuation of that matter, I was no leſs ſurprized to perceive a large heap of Veſcicles ariſing from a thick Membrane covering the Guts, it being the *Peritoneum* ſeparated from the Muſcles: I took it out, to examine the better thoſe Veſcicular Bodies diſpoſed on the outward ſurface of that Membrane, as alſo them that were on its inſide, towards the Guts. The Veſcicles were of different magnitude; ſome of the largeſt had been broken and ſunk, others were broken and almoſt empty, and the others very much diſtended and full; the matter of all of them was of the

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ſame nature with the extravaſated humours. What was contained in the leſſer ones proved to be of different colour and conſiſtence, not unlike Gelly, White of Eggs, Gall, and Honey; in ſome it was much like the humour of a true *Meliceris*.

I muſt obſerve, that there was but little matter extravaſated in the Cavity of the *Abdomen*; moſt part was contained betwixt the *Peritoneum* and the Muſcles.

The Right Kidney was effected with a particular Dropſie; all the *Viſcera* beſides were in a natural ſtate, two *Polypus*'s were found in the Heart, and two pretty big Stones in the Gall Bladder.

An Account of a Book, By James Douglas, M. D.

V. De Aure Humana Tractatus; In quo integra Auris Fabrica, multis novis Inventis, & Iconiſmis illuſtrata, deſcribitur; omniumque ejus Partium Uſus indagantur. Quibus interpoſita eſt Muſculorum Uvulæ, atque Pharyngis nova Deſcriptio, & Delineatio. Auctore Antonio Maria Valſalva Imolenſi, Philoſophiæ & Medicinæ Doctore, in Bononienſi Univerſitate ad Inciſionem & Oſtenſionem Anatomicam Profeſſore Conducto, necnon Noſocomii Incurabilium Chirurgo. Bononiæ MDCCIV. *In Quarto.*

THE Author divides the Humane Ear into three Cavities, *viz.* the External, which contains the Auricle, and the Auditory paſſage; The Middle, which com-